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SUBJECT: EXXON INTEREST IN SYRIA

REF: DAMASCUS 264

1. UBRAHIM RADWAN, MANAGER OF EGYPTIAN GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION'S AGREEMENTS DEPARTMENT, TOLD US IN EARLY JANUARY THAT HE INSTRUCTED BY MINISTER HILAL TO GO TO DAMASCUS QUOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNQUOTE TO ADVISE SYRIANS ON SETTING UP OIL EXPLORATION SYSTEM BASED ON EGYPT'S RECENT EXPERIENCE IN ATTRACTING FOREIGN COMPANIES. SYRIAN REQUEST FOR EGYPTIAN ASSISTANCE CAME DURING HILAL'S DECEMBER VISIT TO DAMASCUS. RADWAN HAS SPENT BETTER PART OF LAST THREE WEEKS IN DAMASCUS IN THIS CONNECTION, AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL.

2. COMMENT: RADWAN HAS BEEN MOVING FORCE BEHIND RECENT

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SUCCESSFUL EGYPTIAN CAMPAIGN TO ATTRACT NEW EXPLORATION. HIS

DISREGARD FOR BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURE AND CAN-DO APPROACH HAVE
FACILITATED GREAT BURST OF ACTIVITY IN PETROLEUM SECTOR WHICH HAS
TAKEN PLACE OVER PAST YEAR AND A HALF.
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